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## ■ CANCER WALK

### Never give up hope

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Joan Koabel was 29 when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer. Nan Grondin was diagnosed in 1998 and Maria Nebell was diagnosed back in 1993.

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## ■ SURGERY: Port woman heading to Bulgaria for new procedure



Lorna Parton, left, is off to Bulgaria next month to undergo a procedure aimed at alleviating her multiple sclerosis symptoms. The Canadian Corps. on West St. held a fundraiser Saturday to help cover the expenses of her trip. With Lorna selling tickets for sausage on a bun at the Corps. is her friend of 40 years, Nancy Bertin.

CE/GE DUMA InPort News photo

## Tackling MS

GEORGE DUMA  
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Lorna Parton will be looking for a minor miracle when she goes to Bulgaria with her sister next month.

She wants to come home with some much-anticipated relief from her multiple sclerosis (MS) symptoms.

Lorna is traveling to the European country to undergo what is still deemed to be a fairly new, if not radical, treatment discovered by Italian doctor Paolo Zamboni.

Now in her mid-fifties, Lorna was diagnosed with the illness 10 years ago.

"But the doctors said I probably had it much longer than that."

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- The establishment of a "Wind Energy Manufacturing Cluster"
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**Port Colborne Creating Wind Energy Cluster**  
Mayor Vance Badaway said, "we are moving aggressively forward on marketing the assets that make Port Colborne an obvious location for the manufacturing and transport of wind energy turbines and related components."

**Wind-energy hotel planned for Port Colborne**  
The hotel, which would include a commercial-industrial plaza, is being brought forward by Tom Rankin of Rankin Construction Inc. He owns the lands at the corner of highways 140 and 3.



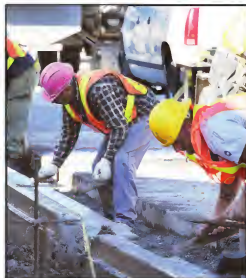
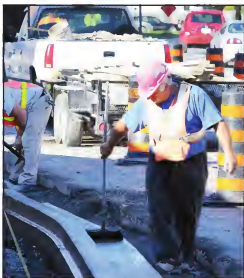
# portraits

■ **CONSTRUCTION:** Road work in pictures

## Rebuilding Port Colborne's Main Street



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photos  
Allidome Construction Ltd. is undertaking a \$4.3-million Olde Humberstone Main St. streetscape/reconstruction project in Port Colborne. The work includes curb realignment on Main St. from Elm St. to the Welland Canal, including sidewalks, decorative street lights and traffic signal poles, construction of three municipal parking lots and full milling and paving of the roadway. In the top photos, a curb-making machine is put to work on the north side of Main St. West last week. Bottom left, a worker makes sure the ground is level on the north side of Main St. West in preparation for the new curbs. Bottom middle and right, workers work on freshly-poured concrete curbs on the south side of Main St. West.



# IMPORT NEWS

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## ourview

## Innovative technology in use

**W**ainfleet has nine bridges of varying ages and condition scattered throughout the township.

At one point, all of them will need to be replaced to ensure residents can travel back and forth to their homes and farmers can use them to get to their fields.

Replacing a bridge can be a time-consuming effort, taking upwards of three months or more. That's three months with no access, meaning residents have to travel extra distances to get to where they need to go.

An example of a bridge that has been out for months is O'Reilly's Bridge, off Riverside Dr.

That bridge is a quick shortcut between Wainfleet, Pelham and Welland and has been out of service for quite some time now. (It is expected to re-open within the next month.) To avoid a lengthy construction wait, Wainfleet utilized the services of Guardian Bridge, out of Pergus, to replace two of its bridges — Bulding Rd. and Misener Rd.

Bulding Rd. was replaced last and Misener Rd., as of Tuesday, was being repaved and nearly ready to be re-opened.

And crews only started working on Misener Rd. just over a week ago.

What makes the job so quick is that Guardian Bridge uses a fiberglass-walk composite deck, instead of a traditional concrete deck.

In the case of Misener Rd., two of the composite panels were used for the deck. Traditional steel beams and concrete abutments are still used in the construction of the bridge, but the panels make deck replacement quick. The deck weighs about 1/5 of what a normal bridge deck would and can still handle the weight load of the bridge it replaces.

The technology has been used to replace bridges in northern Ontario and other parts of the province. Wainfleet was the first municipality to use it in Niagara.

The township should be congratulated for using Guardian Bridge to replace the two bridges that were most in need of repair. It made things easier for area residents, saved money and utilized innovative technology.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING

GORD ABRAHAM  
Port Colborne Baptist

**A**lcatraz prison, in San Francisco Harbour, is perched on a desolate island that is called, the Isle of the Pelicans in Spanish. During its tenure as a prison, from 1933 to 1963, there were 26 attempted escapes with only five prisoners succeeding. And of those five it is not known with certainty if they really did escape to freedom or if the swift cold currents took them under.

We all have prisons that hold us in bondage and from which there seems no escape. Prisons of habits, actions, words, experiences, hurts, abuse.

One prison that holds many of us is a prison of an unforgiving spirit. The greatest need in our world today is the need to forgive and free our generations from the prison of revenge. Most of the ongoing conflicts bearing the fruit of bitterness, revenge and even violence, are perpetuated because of a debt that is not through of forgiveness. Rather, there is an accumulation of hatred and acts of retaliation. Often without any sense to what is being done.

An unforgiving spirit is a prison with no bars, gates, locks, alarms, guns, guards, or security cameras. In spite of the fact that there are none of these external evidences of a prison the

bondage is very real.

We may say, I cannot or will not forgive someone who has done something to me. I see that person before me through my day and the pain from the abuse, the words, the hit, the mocking is so real that I still feel it. I want to see that person get their just dues. I wish real harm would come on them for the suffering they have caused me. They go on with their life as if nothing has been done and here I am agonizing in all this pain and turmoil and hatred. I will never forgive them.

My life is messed up. I wish they were dead.

See the prison you are in? No bars, no guards but a prison is none.

Jesus tells a story to his disciples in response to a question, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times? (Matthew 18:21)

The story brilliantly shows a man owing his master a huge debt (in actuality a debt that was too big to ever repay in a lifetime) begging the master, for more time to repay. Jesus says that without any need to forgive, the master tells the debtor that all is forgiven. Immediately the forgiven one goes out grabs another man who owes him a few dollars and chokes him. While ignoring the plea for forgiveness he drags him off to prison.

## readers'views

## There are sufficient reasons for an NHS review

Niagara Region council turned down a motion for an investigation into the Niagara Health System (NHS) by a vote of 16 to 11.

Below is a short, brief list of reasons why an investigation of the NHS is needed.

The Ontario Health Coalition held health hearings across Ontario in March and discovered Niagara had the worse access to hospital care, and recommendations were made by the NHS under the Public Hospitals Act;

• Seven municipalities in Niagara would have an investigation of the NHS: St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Thorold, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland;

• Average ER wait times for complex cases in the province are 11.3 hours

at St. Catharines General Hospital where 18.7; Greater Niagara General Hospital 16 and Welland County General Hospital 19.1 hours;

• Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) recently reported off-load delays are escalating dramatically in spite of numerous attempts by the NHS to mitigate this problem. The EMS report states the main problem has occurred since 2008 have been converted in Port Colborne and Fort Erie ... and there is a lack of beds;

• Backlogs and long wait times in ER are also creating problems for Niagara Regional Police;

• The LHIN, the oversight agency for the NHS, reported on June 15 the NHS performed poorly in these three areas: financial, clinical and quality. Because of poor performance the LHIN withdrew \$600,000 in funding

• The Medical Staff Association of Niagara previously passed a non-con-

When the master hears of this he is furious and calls in the forgiven debtor, accuses him of abusing his forgiveness and calls for him to be tortured until he should pay back all he owes.

Jesus, in concluding this story makes an interesting declaration. He says, This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart. (Matthew 18:35)

I believe Jesus is giving us insight as to how we will be tortured internally, emotionally and relationally until we choose to forgive. We will live in turmoil that we could be released from by forgiving the other person, even if they don't want it.

It may mean that we first have to come to God to receive his forgiveness. The scriptures tell us, If we confess our sins, He (God through Jesus) will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

With God's forgiveness, we can then go out to others who have offended us and instead of wanting to choke them in retaliation, we can forgive them as we have been forgiven by God because we have.

The greatest need in our world today is the need to forgive and to free our generations from the prison of revenge.

Try it. You will like it.

The Ontario Nurses Association has censured the NHS since 2003.

If this isn't sufficient to convince you an investigation is required, then how about the fact the provincial ombudsman discovered the LHIN public consultation process to approve the hospital improvement plan (HIP) was flawed and the NHS now acknowledges it did not have time for a proper public consultation in preparing the HIP.

These are some of the reasons why an impartial investigation (or review) is needed. It is so obvious to all of Niagara the hospital system will provide timely and equitable access to all Nigerians. We are supposed to be One Niagara.

Let all Niagara's regional councillors show us this is true.

Pat Schofield  
Port Colborne

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■ CHRIS CAIRNS: Students remember ultimate Blue Bear

# Tears shed for former Port High coach



MAYRANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Former Blue Bear Jamie Chase reflects on the life of his role model and former coach Chris Cairns, who died in August after a three-year battle with cancer. A special ceremony was held Friday at Port Colborne High School to dedicate the school's field in Cairns' honour.

MAYRANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Tears were shed and fond memories celebrated at Port Colborne High School honoured its ultimate Blue Bear.

Jamie Chase fought back his emotions and struggled briefly to get his words out as he explained just what it was about Chris Cairns that touched so many lives.

The 53-year-old husband and father of three was not only an amazing teacher and football coach, but "the best friend any high school student could have," Chase told a gymnasium filled with somber faces.

"His devotion to his family and students was evident to

everyone who knew him," said the former Blue Bear.

"We all looked up to him," Cairns died in August after a three-year battle with cancer, but his legacy at the school lives on in the newly dedicated Chris Cairns Field.

It was on that very field that Cairns created a lasting bond with his athletes, who became a tight-knit family, Chase said.

He considered Cairns "like a second father," and is following in his footsteps as the Blue Bears' new defensive coach.

"I can only hope to be half the man that he was," he told the crowd.

Chase said Cairns "never got mad because we lost, only because we didn't give 100%."

The beloved coach moti-

vated his team and "always believed in our abilities," he said.

Cairns taught the team that whether they win or lose, if they give it their all, they're all winners.

"We'll always remember him as the ultimate Blue Bear," Chase said, adding Cairns will forever be in their hearts.

Phys-ed teacher Christy Thorntonsen recalled how difficult it was walking through the halls on the first day of school without her friend and colleague by her side.

Cairns was a strong man, she said, who had a love and passion for "teaching, coaching and life."

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■ CHRIS CAIRNS

■ CONTEST: City holding photo contest

## Port High field renamed after Cairns

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Thorsteinson encouraged students and staff at the school to learn from Cairns' "never-quit attitude," which he demonstrated by continually battling on the field while fighting his illness.

She challenged students to "demonstrate that strength" each time they set foot on Chris Cairns Field for a game.

Led by the football team, students and staff then

headed outside to begin their annual Terry Fox Run, this year held in honour of Cairns and Port High student Nellie Peppas, who lost his battle with cancer in May.

They began with the inaugural lap around Chris Cairns Field, officially christening the space and solidifying Cairns' memory at the school.

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## Looking for fall photos

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Do you have the perfect fall photograph?

If you do, it could win you a \$100 gift card to @27 Restaurant and be featured on the city's website and possibly other marketing material.

Capture the Fall is part of the city's 2010 photography contest series run by the eco-

nomic development, tourism and marketing department.

"The stage is set for a beautiful foliage season, as forests are predicting an excellent fall season. Send us your images of autumn's richest golds, deepest ambers, and vibrant reds. Of course don't forget we would also like to see your best shot of giant gourds, ghouls and ghosts, hay mazes, and skeletons of trees," said a release from the

department.

The contest is open to Port Colborne residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. Submissions are being accepted until Dec. 1. Up to five photographs per person may be submitted. There is no entry fee, however images submitted must be high-resolution, digital format.

Here are some tips: photos can be of any location in Port Colborne; set your camera to the highest size/resolution to

send the best quality photo; avoid sending blurry, unclear or small photos; people in photos must have consented to their picture being taken, or not be recognizable (i.e. in the background).

Contest rules and entry forms are at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca). For more information, call marketing and tourism co-ordinator Erin Pozzebon at 905-834-1668 ext. 288 or e-mail at [erinpz@portcolborne.ca](mailto:erinpz@portcolborne.ca).



PORT COLBORNE

### NOTICE THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE THE PROPOSED STOPPING UP AND CLOSING OF THE HUMBERSTONE CRESCENT ROAD ALLOWANCE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., c.25, as amended, that the Council of the City of Port Colborne proposes to pass a By-law to Stop Up, and Close a municipal road allowance known as Humberstone Crescent.

Humberstone Crescent is located north of Stonebridge Drive in the Loyalist Industrial Park, on Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 3, former Township of Humberstone, now City of Port Colborne, Regional Municipality of Niagara and being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 59R-14281.

A plan showing the lands affected, may be viewed in the Department of Planning & Development, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario. Questions regarding the proposed closure can be referred to Dan Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development at 905-835-2900, ext. 203, or by email to [danaquilina@portcolborne.ca](mailto:danaquilina@portcolborne.ca).

On Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne will hear in person or by counsel, solicitor or agent, or by written comment, any person who claims his/her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

Any person who wishes to provide written comment or be heard, should make application to: Ashley Grigg, City Clerk, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8 or at 905-835-2900, ext. 106, or by email to [ashleygrigg@portcolborne.ca](mailto:ashleygrigg@portcolborne.ca).

Dated at Port Colborne this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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### ALONG THE LAKESHORE

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 8

Red Cross Babysitter Course at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This fun, interactive course teaches young ages 11-15 how to be prepared and responsive caregivers. Participants must bring a lunch and a doll or teddy bear to use as a baby during the practice session. Cost: \$50 per student. Please call 905-899-1277 for more information as space is limited and a minimum number of registrants is required. Insufficient registration will result in cancellation of the session.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 12

Port Colborne Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at Port Village Retirement Home. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Chief Tom Cartwright will speak on the history of the

fire service. Call 905-835-2291 for more information.

Knitting classes at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Beginners can learn how to knit or experienced knitters can learn new skills. Rhoda Wills will be offering 10 lessons (10 weeks) Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting Oct. 5. Cost is \$30. For adults and children ages 9 and up. Needles and yarn for beginners will be provided at the first lesson. Please call 905-899-1277 for more information.

Create with Kathleen at the Wainfleet Township Public Library. Adult art classes with Kathleen Thorsen of Stone House Art Gallery. Drop-in Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class. All materials supplied.

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## ALONG THE LAKESHORE

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For more information, contact Kathleen at 905-834-9784 or kathleen.thorson@cogeco.ca.

**THURS., OCT. 14**

Preschool Story Time for Ages 2-5 at the Wainfleet Township Public Library. A six-

week program of stories, songs, activities and crafts runs Thursdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. No fee for the program but please call 905-899-1277 to pre-register your attendance. Each child must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver. This session's theme is Fantastic Fall

@ your Library, the next session's theme is It's Getting Chilly @ your Library.

Philosopher's Café at the Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Drop by for a lively discussion. This month's topic of discussion is "Democracy." All welcome! No philosophy training required, real life experience desired!

**SATURDAY, OCT. 16**  
Port Colborne/Wainfleet Family Literacy Event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Stir Up Fun With

Alphabet Soup!" Fun for families with children 8 years old and younger. A free event at the Centre for Community Living.

100 McRae Avenue, Port Colborne. Featuring children's entertainer Dan the Music Man.

## There's No Need to Suffer!

The cold and flu season is coming. Soon enough we'll be surrounded by coughing, sneezing, sniffing and suffering. With the growing strength of viruses and infectious diseases, the potential for you to catch what's going around, is almost a given.



When you do get sick, about the only thing recommended nowadays is that you take medication and wait it out. Unfortunately, the use of antibiotics is not showing any promise in the battle against these deadly bugs. As with all infectious diseases, including the common cold (also known as the coronavirus), anyone with a weak immune system is more likely to get sick and stay sick longer.

### Here's what you can do...

- Wash your hands. The likelihood of contracting or spreading disease is greatly reduced with good hygiene.

- Good nutrition supports a strong immune system. So you need to eat plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, legumes, lentils, whole grains, nuts and seeds. They are rich in healthful antioxidants, phytochemicals and nutrients known to nourish the body and prevent disease.

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## BOOK SALE



Supplied photo  
Beth Jeffery and Georgia Smith are collecting books for the 40th annual University Women's Club at Welland Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale provide scholarships for area high school students. Donations of newer books, magazines, puzzles, games, CDs and DVDs are appreciated. Call 905-835-2291 for pickup.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Five-year-old Jayden Grano mans a fire hose, with a little help from Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services volunteer firefighter Matt Laman during an open house at Port Colborne's fire hall on Saturday. The open house was the kickoff to Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Monday to Friday.

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DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — An OPP roll-over unit, Niagara Regional Police K9 unit, big red fire trucks, working a fire hose and Sparky the Fire Dog stood no chance against a last minute addition to Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services open house on last Saturday.

Capt. Joe Henry and Wayne Benner set up a zip line between two trees in front of the Killaly St. E. Fire Hall and it quickly drew the attention of children attending an event which was held to kick off Fire Prevention Week, which ended today.

The two firefighters set the line a little more than three metres high on one tree and used another line to pull children up, before letting them slide down.

The children were in harnesses and wore safety helmets as they went down with huge smiles on their faces.

The two firefighters, members of the department's technical rescue team, are considering doing a zip line for next year's open house, and making it a bit higher off the ground.

While the children were having fun outside, inside the hall Catherine Jenkins, executive administrative assistant to the fire chief, was using a "hazard house" — a house about the size of a doll house — to teach children about what kinds of hazards can be found in the home.

"It's a good learning tool," Capt. B.

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## ■ OPEN HOUSE



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Grace Lucy, 6, is all smiles as she rides down a zip line thrown up by Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters Saturday during an open house. The line was a last-minute addition to the many other displays that helped kick off Fire Prevention Week which runs from Monday to Friday.

## Teaching fire safety

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Tal said everything set up at the open house was to teach fire safety and safety in general.

The fire service was even selling carbon-monoxide detectors at about half price.

While not mandatory to have in a home, Tal said the fire department strongly recommends the devices which detect the deadly gas.

"Every house should have one of those. Carbon monoxide is known as the 'silent killer'."

Tal said any product of combustion will create the deadly gas, which can render a person unconscious. Carbon monoxide replaces oxygen in the blood and can kill a person.

The detectors, he said, should be placed outside sleeping areas so people can wake up in the event of a fire and a buildup of the gas.

He said the detectors fit

in well with Fire Prevention Week's theme: Smoke Alarms – A Sound You Can Live.

Outside the fire hall, volunteer firefighters were helping children use a fire hose to spin a target around and Niagara OPP officers, along with auxiliary officers, were showing people what happens in a rollover crash.

A car mounted on a trailer was spun around at a speed which would translate into a rollover at 30 km/h. Inside the car were loose objects, such as water bottles and a dummy which was not wearing a seatbelt.

Each time the car spun, the dummy was tossed around and was ejected from a window almost every single time. OPP officers then asked children what was the first thing they should do when they got into a car. Almost every child responded with "wear a seatbelt."

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Elizabeth Charette took a big swing to get a small weight to move up a pole at Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services open house at Port Colborne's firehall on Saturday.

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## ■ TERRY FOX RUN



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Port Colborne High School held its annual Terry Fox Run Friday, this year honouring the school's football coach Chris Cairns and student Neil Peppas, who died earlier this year after battling cancer.

## ■ PARTNERSHIP: Foundation helps build parks

## Two new playgrounds ready for children

InPort News Staff

Port Colborne — Two playgrounds were officially dedicated to all children last week by Mayor Vance Budawey thanks a partnership with the Kahane Foundation, established by the late Karl Kahane in 1991, and Jungbunzlauer Dty.

Descendants of Kahane include Jungbunzlauer's chairman of the board Alexander Kahane, vice-chair Marie-Rose Kahane, and foundation trustee Patricia Kahane. Jungbunzlauer is one of the world's leading producers of natural and nature-identical biodegradable ingredients.

The Kahane Foundation was established in 1991 by the late Karl Kahane as an independent, privately-funded, non-political and non-religious charitable foundation. The foundation is based in Celerina, Switzerland and has invested in projects which promote peace, health care, education, and social welfare.

The new nautical-themed



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Elaine Tully, playground designer from PlayPower LT Canada, Dawn Marie Donohue, a quality assurance technician from Jungbunzlauer, and Sharon Grant, Jungbunzlauer Canada's vice-president of finance and administration, stand on new playground equipment behind Port Colborne Public Library Thursday afternoon.

playground at Lock 8 Gateway Park has already been a hit with children; and the new playground in Library Park is a welcome improvement from the tiny pre-school structure and swing set.

Lock 8 Gateway Park, with its ship viewing platform surrounded by gorgeous gardens, is a popular park for local families and visitors to the city. The new full-scale play structure is one of last remaining playgrounds due for renewal in the city, and replaces what once was a simple swing set and slide.

A walkway to the playground from existing pathways will be added soon, making the playground fully-accessible. Other improvements to the park, also planned in the near future, include new steps at the fountain and a replacement gazebo.

"On behalf of city council, and the citizens of our great city, I am grateful for the financial and civic support of the Kahane Foundation," Budawey said at the dedication ceremony. "Such support illustrates commitment to our

community and investment in our future, by providing a safe, fun, play-based learning challenge for children."

The new playground installation in Library Park is an upgrade from the decades-old small structure. The playground offers a special area for children 18 months to five years old as well as an area for children five to 12.

The playgrounds were designed by Elaine Tully of Play Power, parent company of the popular Little Tikes. Budawey said the city is proud of staff from the parks department who worked diligently to prepare the site, install the equipment, and landscape the space.

"Like all projects in Port Colborne, this was a team effort, from conception to installation." "We thank the Kahane Foundation and Jungbunzlauer Canada," Budawey said. "Thanks also to city staff who worked so diligently to create these wonderful spaces for children: Paul Peyton, parks superintendent and project manager, and Ron Hanson, director of engineering, and their teams. And thanks to Tim Sturman and his team at Glenmount Memorials, who designed the monument dedicating the park to all children."

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■ CADETS: Welland and Port corps merged

# Federal minister responds to Welland MPP Peter Kormos

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — The sea cadet corps program has many benefits — but only when it's accessible, says Welland MPP Peter Kormos.

In July, Kormos sent a letter to the Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay, sharing his concerns over the amalgamation of Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 141 Bellerophon in Welland and 78 Valiant in

Port Colborne.

On Sept. 24, Kormos received a reply — though it wasn't quite what he'd hoped.

In the letter, MacKay explains the process by which the amalgamation was decided. An assessment of corps throughout Central Region were conducted, looking at factors such as cadet population, staffing levels, community support,

infrastructure, census trends, competing youth organizations, sponsor support and projected community growth.

After the assessment was completed, it was decided 141 in Welland and 78 in Port Colborne should amalgamate, he wrote.

Both corps have "been assessed as weak — an ongoing trend over the past few years," the letter read.

"There has been no significant growth over the past year, and there is no realistic hope of growth in the future."

Instead of speaking about how the corps are suffering in size, Kormos said focus should be placed on "getting people down here to promote the corps and make them larger."

With minimal entry fees and low equipment costs, the sea cadet program is ideal for all

families, including those with "low or modest incomes," he said.

Kormos said the program nurtures youth, promotes responsible behaviour, leadership and good citizenship.

"Young people go through tremendous transformations in these groups."

While the minister, in his letter, refers to there being only 15 minutes of driving

time between the two corps, those 15 minutes mean "most Welland youth won't have access, and won't participate," Kormos said.

"We've betrayed those young people," he added.

Kormos said he does not know what else can be done, as both he and Welland MPP Malcolm Allen have appealed to the minister with their concerns on the issue.



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## ■ PORT COLBORNE HIGH SCHOOL

## National playwright visits Port High

KATE LANDER  
For InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE**  
— Playwright Lindsay Price spoke with drama students at Port High this past Monday about her play, *Deck the Stage*.

The play has several comical scenes presented one after another to create a hilarious evening of Christmas spirit, and will be performed by the grade eleven and twelve students at Port High.

By meeting the playwright herself, students gained a better insight on the show and the characters themselves — they also had the opportunity to show her their interpretations, since she is planning on attending a performance the students will put on in December.

However, students at Port High also have many of Lindsay's expectations to live up to. Last year, she had over 400 productions of her play across Canada, the United States and U.K.. Regardless, the actors and crew member couldn't have been more excited to get started on their ideas.

Lindsay has been very successful with Theatrefolk, the company she and actor, Craig Malson formed in 1994. She writes plays exclusively for student performers and couldn't

love it more if she tried. The goal of starting the company was to show the integral role theatre arts play in a well-rounded education. The study of theatre develops communication skills, team-building, self-confidence, critical thinking, and discipline. Lindsay is also a member of the Playwright's Guide of Canada, the Dramatist Guild of America, and Theatre Ontario, and is a frequent workshop presenter at festivals across Ontario and the United States. She has written many excellent scripts adapted for high school — the most exciting project to date being her publication of the a cappella musical, *Shout*. Most of her shows include *Stroke State*, *Tuna Fish Biology* and *Flaky Lips*, which earned her the Gregory Millard Playwriting Award from TADA! Youth Theatre, where it was chosen to be a part of the Best of 15 Years Stage Reading Series.

With personal advice from such a fantastic writer combined with the ideas from the creative minds from the high school, "Deck the Stage" is bound to be a spectacular performance, coming to Port Colborne in December.

## Honouring the Honour Roll

RACHEL ROY  
For InPort News

Students from Port Colborne High School were given the opportunity of a lifetime on Thursday during an Honour Roll night.

The special dinner and reward for achieving an 80% or above average on their report cards in 2009 was a speech by a former graduate of the high school, Margaret Huber.

Huber was a Canadian ambassador to Jordan and Iraq, and joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1973 and has served abroad, on Canada's behalf, in Washington and many other places.

Students in grades 9 to 12 were invited to participate in this event to be congratulated on their hard work and success throughout their year. Port High also let new Grade 9 students, who were previously in Grade 8, be awarded as well. There were approximately 100 honour roll students honoured.

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## inPortbriefs

### CLEANING UNSAFE

**WAINFLEET** — Garbage collectors from Modern Corp. won't be picking up trash from both sides of the highway anymore in Wainfleet, Mayor Barb Henderson said recently. The issue came to township council three weeks ago when

a couple of aldermen said they were being told by residents that the garbage collectors were doing both sides of Hwy. 3 at once. Residents felt the practice was unsafe. Henderson raised the issue with waste management staff at Niagara Region.

"Modern sent a memo out to its staff."

She said the company took the issue very seriously and the memo said its employees were prohibited from collecting garbage on both sides of any road at once for safety reasons.

### ■ CHALLENGE: Politicians from Wainfleet and Welland take part

## Cleaning up Riverside Dr.

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — Despite the fact Welland city councilors and municipal staff outnumbered their Wainfleet counterparts, last weekend's cleanup of Riverside Dr. from Welland's border to O'Reilly's Bridge in Wainfleet wasn't about politics, said the chairman of Welland River Keepers.

Tony Whelan said the event has always been about cleaning up all manner of refuse along that stretch of road.

"Back in 2006, then-Wainfleet mayor Gord Harry, who was quite the conservationist, decided to challenge Welland to a cleanup of the road," Whelan recalled.

Riverside Dr. runs from Welland through to Wainfleet along the Welland River and the road, between Welland and O'Reilly's Bridge, was adopted by Welland River Keepers under Niagara Region's Adopt-A-Road program. "At a recent council meeting (Welland Mayor Damian) Goulbourne said they should re-challenge Wainfleet," Whelan said.

Goulbourne said it was



DAVE JOHNSON  
Staff Photo

Township of Wainfleet treasurer Robyn Madere, left, gets another garbage bag ready as Wainfleet Ald. Ted Hesses, right, puts an item in Debbie LaFontaine's bag along Riverside Dr. in Wainfleet Saturday morning.

actually Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson who "called me out."

"She always beats me at challenge," said Goulbourne, who agreed to participate in the cleanup.

Both mayors are on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's board of directors.

"This little project can have a really big impact," said Goulbourne, who had help from councillors Paul Grenier, Jim Larocque and Barry Sharpe, as well as some city hall staff.

Henderson, who brought along aldermen Ron Kramer and Ted Hesses and township treasurer Robyn Madere, agreed with Goulbourne.

"We're here to clean up the environment and draw aware-

ness," Henderson said.

She said the event was also to encourage people not to litter on the roads.

Whelan said during the first cleanup, 40 bags of garbage were picked up. And that, he added, was just from the side of the road. It didn't include the banks of the river.

"I've picked up dirty diapers, blankets and even a \$5 bill."

Whelan said it was a cleanup of the actual river in that area was undertaken, such things as air conditioners and tires — lots of tires — were pulled out.

"Who do people expect to clean up after them?" he said Saturday morning just before the clean up got underway.

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### ■ HEALTH CARE: Funds raised go to NHS programs

## Goal set for health-care campaign

InPort News Staff

**WELLAND** — A \$7-million goal to assist health-care services has been set in south Niagara.

But to reach that mark, the Niagara Health System Foundation and local hospital foundations are relying on the public.

Community members gathered last week for a presentation on the NHS Foundation's It's Our Time campaign.

Co-ordinated by Welland-Pelham and Port Colborne-Wainfleet chambers of commerce, the meeting included representatives from Welland, Port Colborne and Douglas Memorial hospital foundations.

Rob Neill, Welland chair of the south Niagara campaign cabinet, said Niagara has a higher rate of medical issues,

such as heart disease and cancer, than in other Ontario communities.

Many Niagara residents dealing with disease are forced to seek treatment outside of the region, because the needed care simply isn't available locally, he said.

Neill said new programs that "don't exist in Niagara today" will be available once the new St. Catharines hospital opens its doors in 2013.

To assist these new programs and existing facilities, a \$40-million goal has been set for the It's Our Time campaign. Of that goal, \$7 million is expected to come from south Niagara.

Neill said people can help with the campaign by "spreading the word," volunteering on a campaign or hospital foundation committee or board, or by making a donation.

Heather Scott, south

Niagara campaign director and executive director of the Welland Hospital Foundation, said there's "a lot of misinformation" in the community about what it is that local hospital foundations do. The foundations are independent non-profit organizations "separate and distinct from the Niagara Health System."

"Hospital care for patients, while hospital foundations 'raise money to ensure they can do so,'" she said.

Local hospital foundations are responsible for 100% of the cost of medical equipment, 50% of the cost of major renovations and 30% of the cost of new construction.

This year, Welland's It's Our Time campaign equipment sits at about \$8 million, Port Colborne's at \$752,000, and Douglas Memorial at \$843,000, Scott said.

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■ **HEALTH CARE:** Badawey still wants investigation

# NHS fight isn't over

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — Port Colborne's fight for accessible health-care services is far from over.

Mayor Vance Badawey asked for and received city council's support to bring forward a motion at regional council regarding an investigation into Niagara Health System's hospital improvement plan.

This comes after a majority of regional councillors recently rejected a call from the Ontario Health Coalition for a probe into the NHS.

"The motion that was passed at the region 'is one that is condescending and an insult to all those who have worked extremely hard to bring forward tangible solutions for equal access to health care for all Niagara residents,'" Badawey said.

"It calls for the status quo and exhibits absolutely no leadership with respect to

looking out for the best interests of all Niagara's residents."

Badawey said the decision "exhibited the lack of involvement and therefore knowledge" of the challenges Niagara is facing with health care.

At the next regional council meeting, on Oct. 14, Badawey plans to introduce a motion requesting a third-party evaluation of the NHS hospital improvement plan's performance.

The evaluation, to be done before any further changes are implemented, would pertain to the conversion of Port Colborne and Port Erie emergency departments to urgent care centres, and look at the impacts the conversion has had across Niagara, Badawey said.

The motion also requests that a funding model be established to recognize emergency physicians at Port Colborne hospital, and that NHS begin adding ancillary services as per a blueprint introduced by

the city. Badawey said the intent of the motion "is to be specific in terms of what we as a city and region expect in terms of a performance review."



Vance Badawey

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Regional Coun. Bob Saracino said is disappointed with a lack of support for the lakeside city. With the emergency departments remaining open in the larger municipalities, they don't share the same concerns as the smaller municipalities regarding health-care services, he said.

"There's going to come a day

when you folks call on us," he said, adding Port Colborne will be there to show its support.

Saracino said he wants to address regional councillors who voted against the coalition's request.

"We're going to fight this," he said. "We'll deal with this resolution and eventually we will win."

Badawey challenged elected officials who voted against the motion to "stand in front of their community" and say the HIP hasn't been a detriment to health services in their community.

"I challenge officials to stand up with confidence and say the HIP is not affecting their community when we know it is."

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### SEEKING INPUT

WAINFLEET — Bridges Community Health Centre, in partnership with Wainfleet Christ Church Anglican, is hosting a series of four Community Open Houses to gain input and ideas from Wainfleet residents on potential health promotion programs and services that could be delivered in their community.

"This series of consultations will provide us with a way of prioritizing Wainfleet's health promotion interests and needs in order to better support the health of the community," says Lori Kleinsmith, a health promoter with Bridges.

The last two sessions will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wainfleet Christ Church Anglican, located on Church St. Just off Hwy 3. If you need a ride, please call Mike at 905-899-1689 at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, please contact Lori at 288-479-5017 or lori.kleinsmith@bridgeschc.ca

### CONTEST

## Kids invited to help design a Christmas card

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Even though it's autumn and Halloween is just around the corner, planning for Christmas is underway.

Mayor Vance Badawey is inviting the children of our community to help design the city's 2010 Christmas card. The theme is A Port Colborne Christmas and the mayor is seeking an image that conveys the Christmas spirit with special focus on a Port Colborne person, place or thing.

Submissions may be painted with fingers or brushes, or drawn with pencils, crayons, pastels, or markers on a standard sheet

of paper, 8 1/2" X 11" in vertical or horizontal format.

The contest is open to all children who live or go to school in Port Colborne; up to and including those in Grade 8.

Time is of the essence. To be chosen and reproduced for printing in time for the holiday season, all submissions must be received at the Mayor's Office in city hall, 66 Charlotte St. by Friday, Oct. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Please include the child's name, address and telephone number on the back of the artwork.

For further information, please contact Gail Todd at 905-435-2901 ext 301 or gail.todd@portcolborne.ca

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE: Investigation into option continues

## A giant dome for Port Colborne?

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — City council is continuing investigation into monolithic dome technology for its proposed health and wellness centre.

Port Colborne resident John Mitchell, who initially suggested



Gary Bruno

the city look into the unconventional approach, was back in council chambers recently in hopes of providing further information on why a dome structure would be a good choice for the project.

One of the biggest benefits, he said, is the overall cost savings on construction of the centre itself.

Mitchell said architects with Great Lakes Dome Co. are "confident" Port Colborne's facility can be constructed with a price tag of about \$27 million for a full build. This is in comparison to full-build tenders council recently rejected that ranged from just more than \$32 mil-

lion to just more than \$36 million.

For the base model — two arenas and a pool, minus additional components such as the indoor walking track, bocce courts, therapeutic pool and field house -- it would cost an estimated \$24 million to \$25 million for a dome.

Mitchell said. He said the monolithic dome is also designed for energy efficiency. "Fifty per cent in energy savings can be easily achieved," he said of Port Colborne's proposed facility.

These "significant energy savings" can be used to help keep user fees low, he added.

Ward 3 Coun. Gary Bruno questioned when company representatives would be able to come to council to present their product to the centre's advisory committee and project architects.

"We've got to move this forward," he said.

Bruno also questioned whether company repre-

sentatives would be able to address any issues regarding domes and the Ontario Building Code.

Mitchell said representatives are eager to make a presentation, which would address any issues regarding codes.

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters, who initiated the



Frank DiBartolomeo

investigation into dome technology after Mitchell's first presentation at a Sept. 7 council meeting, asked whether city staff were working to make the presentation happen.

Chief of Administrative officer Bob Heil said he's been corresponding with Mitchell in hopes of making the meeting happen sooner than later.

Ward 2 Coun. Frank DiBartolomeo thanked Mitchell for his presentation and said it was refreshing to see "we may have another alternative in moving forward with this project"

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Municipal Elections Act, 1998 (s. 40)

NOTICE is hereby given to the municipal electors of the City of Port Colborne that voting will be held upon the dates and at the times and places stated in this notice for the purpose of electing persons to the following offices:

Mayor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

Councillor Ward One (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Two (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Three (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Four (two to be elected)

Regional Councillor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

Trustee - District School Board of Niagara (one to be elected at large by the English Language Public School electors of the municipalities of the City of Port Colborne, the Town of Port Erie and the Township of Wainfleet)

Trustee - Niagara Catholic District School Board (one to be elected at large by the French Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland, Port Erie, Pelham and Wainfleet)

Acclamations have been declared for the following offices:

Member - du Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Language Public School Board) - Ronald A. Marion

## ADVANCE POLLS

DATES: Thursday, October 16, 2010 and Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
LOCATION: Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Those electors requiring special assistance are encouraged to vote at an Advance Poll.

## REGULAR POLLS

DATE/TIME: Monday, October 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voter Notification Cards are being sent to all persons on the Voters' List in late September to mid-October indicating the polling place where they may vote. It will facilitate voting if electors present their card at the Poll. If you are an eligible voter but do not receive a card or you need more information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 905-835-2900 or visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

## PROXY APPLICATIONS:

Any qualified elector may appoint another person who is a qualified elector in the same municipality to vote on his/her behalf. For more information and the form "Appointment for Proxy Voting" please contact the Clerk's Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Office, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne or 905-835-2900. A person nominated as a voting proxy must make application to the clerk for a certificate to vote by proxy no later than Friday, 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2010.

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■ **BIRTHDAY:** Port woman to celebrate 100th birthday later this month

## Brandy and milk, twice a day

QMI Agency

ST. CATHARINES — Pauline Wilson has sworn by one tonic throughout her happy, healthy life as she approaches her 100th birthday — and this potion isn't hard to swallow.

"Brandy and milk, twice a day. I brought some with me today. I was afraid you might give me some wine — I'd die," Wilson said at a birthday party held last Friday inside the Sears store at Pen Centre in St. Catharines. "Well, I smoke and I drink, and my doctor says there's not a damn thing wrong with me," Wilson added with a cheeky smile.

She was holding court at her beloved Elizabeth Arden counter in a celebration coinciding with Arden's 100th anniversary.

"Pauline has loved and used our products for a long, long time," Cathleen Clowes, the manager at the Eve Arden counter at Sears in the Sears store, said.

"She comes here for makeovers ... and she really looks fabulous."

Wilson, who lives on her own in an apartment in Port Colborne, actually turns 100 on Oct. 22. She was born and raised in North Bay to a railroad conductor father and a living French-Canadian family of six children.

Only sister Marguerite survives.

"I remember my mother saying, 'I didn't spoil you, I cherished you,'" said Wilson, who bears a slight resemblance to the 88-year-old actress Betty White.

Wilson took an early passion for art and became renowned for her ceramics and paper tile work.

In her early career, she was an English and French teacher for junior grades in North Bay and then Welland.

She moved to Niagara when she was 21, and married husband John in 1938. Her husband died in 2000.

From the 1940s until her retirement, she taught junior and senior art classes in Welland.

For years, Wilson taught art to teachers at summer schools throughout Ontario.

She's had enduring associations with groups that include the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and Port Colborne Golf and Country Club.

Starting the first French-Canadian company of the Girl Guides of Canada in southern Ontario in 1937 is something she's especially proud of.

Friend and helper Heather McCrory is amazed by Wilson's relentless energy.

"She's fantastic, lively, vibrant. There's never a dull moment with her, really," she said.

"Pauline is so with it and up-to-date with everything that's going on."

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